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SENATE FILE 2262
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2127)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 4, 2014)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requiring radon testing in public schools and including
- 2 applicability provisions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.30 Radon testing.
- 2 l. For purposes of this section, "short-term test" means
- 3 a test approved by the department of public health in which a
- 4 testing device remains in an area for not less than two days
- 5 and not more than ninety days to determine the amount of radon
- 6 in the air that is acceptable for human inhalation.
- 7 2. The board of directors of each public school district
- 8 shall establish a schedule for a short-term testing for radon
- 9 gas to be performed at each attendance center under its control
- 10 at least once by June 30, 2016, and at least once every ten
- 11 years thereafter, and following any new construction of an
- 12 attendance center or additions, renovations, or repairs to an
- 13 attendance center.
- 3. The board of directors of each public school district
- 15 shall submit the results of each radon test conducted at an
- 16 attendance center pursuant to this section to the department
- 17 of public health within five days. The department of public
- 18 health shall publish the submitted results on the department's
- 19 internet site for public review and shall provide the submitted
- 20 results to the department of education.
- 21 4. Radon testing pursuant to this section conducted on and
- 22 after July 1, 2016, shall be conducted as prescribed by the
- 23 department of public health and shall be conducted by a person
- 24 certified to conduct such testing pursuant to section 136B.1.
- 25 The department of public health shall maintain and make
- 26 available to school districts a list of such certified persons.
- 27 5. a. The department of public health and the department
- 28 of education shall each adopt rules to jointly administer this
- 29 section.
- 30 b. In consultation with appropriate stakeholders, the
- 31 department of public health shall adopt rules establishing
- 32 standards for radon testing at attendance centers pursuant to
- 33 this Act by July 1, 2016. Such standards shall include but are
- 34 not limited to training requirements for persons certified by
- 35 the department to conduct such testing and best practices for

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- 1 conducting such testing.
- 2 Sec. 2. Section 298.3, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
- 3 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 4 NEW PARAGRAPH. n. Radon testing pursuant to section 280.30.
- 5 Sec. 3. Section 423F.3, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
- 6 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 a. If the board of directors adopts a resolution to use
- 8 funds received under the operation of this chapter solely for
- 9 providing property tax relief by reducing indebtedness from the
- 10 levies specified under section 298.2 or 298.18, or for radon
- 11 testing pursuant to section 280.30, the board of directors may
- 12 approve a revenue purpose statement for that purpose without
- 13 submitting the revenue purpose statement to a vote of the
- 14 electors.
- 15 Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
- 16 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
- 17 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
- 18 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
- 19 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
- 20 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
- 21 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
- 22 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
- 23 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
- 24 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
- 25 districts.
- Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. Section 423F.3, subsection 7, shall
- 27 not apply to this Act.